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Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" May I know whether there have been no such denials at all in the past? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I can't say."

Dr. P. Subbarayan:—" May I know from the hon. the Chief Minister whether some of the local boards are awaiting his order on this subject? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" Not that I am aware of."

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Principle of selection of Medical Officers for the Agency.

* 273 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the principle, if any, on which medical officers are selected for service in the Agency?

A.—There are no specific rules for the selection of medical officers for duty in the Agency tracts. The period of duty in those tracts is generally fixed at two years so as not to keep the officers too long in what is occasionally an unhealthy area. Of the officers available for service, usually the more junior and active are selected.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know who was the person transferred to the Agency tracts prior to the present incumbent serving there? May I know the reason why he was transferred there and what his age was at the time of transfer? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" The question does not refer to any specific incumbent."

Purpose and cost of the Conference of District Medical Officers and Civil Surgeons.

* 274 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras is holding a conference of all the District Medical Officers and Civil Surgeons in the Presidency;

(*b*) if so, what is the purpose for which the conference is being held; and

(*c*) what is the expenditure involved in the holding of the conference?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For the discussion of certain important questions connected with the development of the Medical Department.

(*c*) About Rs. 3,880.

Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya:—" In answer to clause (*b*) it is stated that the conference is held ' for the discussion of certain important questions connected with the development of the Medical department'. May I know what are those important questions? "